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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR EMERGENCY PLAN

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1. WITH RESPECT TO NUCLEAR EMERGENCY PLANS (REFTEL A)
THERE ARE POTENTIALLY SEVERAL KINDS: A. THE U.S.NAVY
PLAN WHICH IS IN EFFECT FOR ALL US NPW WHEN THEY VISIT
FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC PORTS; B. AN EMERGENCY PLAN WHICH
WE UNDERSTAND WAS ISSUED BY THE ITALIAN NAVY FOR LA
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MADDALENA (WHICH WE HAVE NOT SEEN) BUT WHICH WE WOULD
EXPECT DESCRIBES THE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE ITN, AS

OWNER OF THE AREA WHERE THE U.S. SUPPORT TENDER IS BERTHED;
C. THERE COULD BE EMERGENCY PLANS ISSUED BY OTHER
NATIONAL OR LOCAL ITALIAN AUTHORITIES WHICH DIRECT THE KIND
OF ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY HEALTH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND
SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS IN DEALING WITH A NUCLEAR EMERGENCY.

2. IT APPEARS THAT EMERGENCY PLAN BEING REQUESTED PER
REFTEL IS THE U.S. NAVY PLAN AND THAT WE ARE NOT BEING
REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AN EMERGENCY PLAN FOR USE BY ITALIAN
AUTHORITIES. IN THIS CONNECTION THE U.S. NAVY NUCLEAR
EMERGENCY PLAN PRIMARILY DEALS WITH ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

WITHIN U.S. NAVY CHANNELS AND ON BOARD THE SHIPS TO REDUCE
THE HAZARD. IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION
OF LOCAL HOST COUNTRY AUTHORITIES IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT
OF AN ACCIDENT AND FOR EXTENSION OF FULL COOPERATION TO
LOCAL OFFICIALS. IN VIEW OF THE INTERNAL NATURE OF THE
NAVY PLAN AND THE FACT THAT IT CONTAINS TECHNICAL INFOR-
MATION ABOUT THE REACTORS ON NPW, WE DO NOT RELEASE THIS
PLAN TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM MFA THAT WE
CANNOT RELEASE U.S. NAVY ACCIDENT PLAN FOR SECURITY
REASONS. YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT NAVY PLAN DOES REQUIRE
IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION OF HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES
IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT, AS GUARANTEED BY THE U.S.
STANDARD STATEMENT, AND THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE FULLY TRAINED
AND EQUIPPED TO ASSIST LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO MINIMIZE ANY
HAZARD. EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO DRAW ON GUIDANCE ALREADY
PROVIDED IN PARA 3.A THROUGH 3.C OF REFTEL B IN POINTING
OUT TO THE MFA THAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF A REACTOR ACCI-
DENT ON AN NPW ARE MUCH LESS THAN NORMALLY EXPECTED FOR
LAND BASED NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS.

4. FYI. IF INSTEAD OF THE U.S. NAVY EMERGENCY PLAN, THE
MFA IS REQUESTING AN EMERGENCY PLAN WHICH CAN BE USED BY
ITALIAN AUTHORITIES, PLEASE ADVISE. IF THIS IS THE CASE
THE APPROACH WE WOULD TAKE WOULD HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED
AMONG AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON. END FYI
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5. EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO FORWARD COPY OF ITALIAN
NAVY'S LA MADDALENA EMERGENCY PLAN, IF AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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